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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Notice of December 21, 2001 to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 C.F.R.

1.53(d), a copy of which is enclosed, Applicants enclose herewith a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63. Also enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for filing this Declaration.

Please charge any additional fee which may be required hereunder or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0184. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith in connection with any deposit account charge or credit.

It is submitted that this application now complies with all formal requirements and therefore an action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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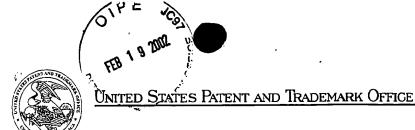
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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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